

Maryland's Preferred Drug List: Generic vs. Brand Status

Not all Generics are Preferred. * In some instances, due to manufacturer rebates, the State prefers the multisource brand name drug over its generic equivalent because the branded drug is more cost effective than its generic counterpart.

- When the brand name drug is preferred, no Medwatch nor authorization is needed¹.
- Pharmacy providers must enter a **DAW code of 6** on the claim to have it correctly priced.

Therapeutic Class	Preferred BRAND	Non-Preferred GENERIC
Antibiotics, Inhaled	Kitabis Pak (Inhalation)	tobramycin pak (inhalation)
Anticonvulsants	Gabitril Tablet (Oral)	tiagabine tablet (oral)
Anticonvulsants	Sabril Powder Packet ³	vigabatrin powder packet ³
Anticonvulsants	Sabril Tablet ³	vigabatrin tablet ³
Anticonvulsants	Tegretol Suspension (Oral)	carbamazepine suspension (oral)
Antiemetic/Antivertigo Agents	Transderm-Scop (Transderm) ²	scopolamine (transderm) ²
Bronchodilators, Beta Agonists	ProAir HFA (Inhalation)	albuterol HFA (inhalation)
Glucocorticoids, Inhaled	Pulmicort 1mg/2ml Respules	budesonide inhalation suspension (1mg/2ml)
Immunosuppressives, Oral	Cellcept Suspension (Oral)	mycophenolate mofetil suspension (oral)
Multiple Sclerosis Agents	Copaxone 20 mg/ml (Subcutaneous)	glatiramer 20 mg/ml (subcutaneous)
Opioid Use Disorder Treatments	Suboxone Film	buprenorphine/naloxone film
PAH Agents, Oral and Inhaled	Revatio Suspension (Oral) ³	sildenafil suspension (oral) ³
Proton Pump Inhibitors	Prevacid Solutabs ODT	lansoprazole ODT
Stimulants and Related Agents	Adderall XR Capsule (Oral)	amphetamine salt combo ER capsule (oral)
Stimulants and Related Agents	Focalin XR Capsule (Oral)	dexmethylphenidate XR capsule (oral)
*Generic vs. Brand Status of Non-PDL Medications		
Antiretroviral Agents	Norvir Tablets (Oral)	ritonavir tablets (oral)

If pharmacy providers encounter any problems during the on-line claim adjudication of preferred brands, contact the state's pharmacy claims processor for additional system overrides related to the use of the correct DAW code. For example, when there is other insurance.

24-HOUR HELP DESK
1-800-932-3918

¹ Unless the Program has established clinical criteria for the drug. Clinical criteria can be found [here](#).

² Both brand and generic preferred

³ Is a non-preferred drug on the PDL and will require a prior authorization by the prescriber